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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Dear Sir:

In response to the November 8, 2001 Office Action, the time for response being extended by two (2) months, pursuant to the fee charged to the Assignee's Deposit account in the papers submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks made herein.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. A transparent skin care composition comprising:

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- (a) two or more surfactants including a first surfactant being polyoxyethylene sorbit tetraalkyl ester and a second surfactant selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene castor oil; polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil ester; polyoxyethylene alkyl phosphate and its salts; and mixtures thereof;
- (b) an oil compound;
- (c) a polyhydric alcohol; and
- (d) water;
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wherein the oil compound is substantially solubilized in the transparent skin care composition and the ratio of said first surfactant to said second surfactant is from about 4 : 1 to about 2 : 3.

Cancel claim 3 without prejudice.

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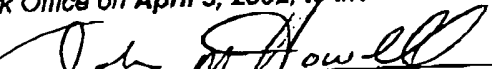
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